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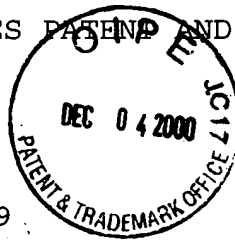
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23 and 32-49. Please add the following new claim.

50. An orthopedic device comprising a display and a support portion that fits around a patient's joint, wherein the orthopedic device implements the method of claim 24.

REMARKS

Claims 24-31 and 50 remain for consideration. Claims 1-23 and 32-49 are canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction requirement. Claim 50 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 20, lines 14-20, and page 58, lines 10-34. No new matter is introduced by claim 50. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the application, as filed, included four distinct inventions. The first invention included claims 1-14 directed to an orthosis. The

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